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MANAGING DATA IN A  
DISTRIBUTED  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF**  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of January 16, 2007, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.